

In the Claims:

Replace "aerodynamically" with -- hydrodynamically -- in the claims as follows:

Claim 1, line 24.

Claim 3, line 4.

Claim 12, line 14.

Claim 18, line 4.

Also, please amend claim 12, line 12, by deleting "of each respective spool".

In the Abstract:

On page 21, lines 3 and 5 of the Abstract, please replace "aerodynamically" with -- hydrodynamically --.

PROVISIONAL ELECTION of SPECIES

The Office Action mailed October 1, 1999, has identified six "patentably distinct species" of the claimed invention and has required election of a single species for prosecution on the merits, identifying claims 1-2, 6-10, 12-15, and 17 as generic.

In response to this requirement, applicants provisionally elect the species shown in FIGS. 9-11 and state that claims 1, 2, 5, 12, 13, and 17 are readable thereon.

REMARKS

The global changes of "aerodynamic" to "hydrodynamic" are intended to correct an inadvertent inappropriate selection of language. Namely, as is obvious from the specification, drawings, and title of this application, the invention relates to fluid control valves, primarily for hydraulic pumps and motors. Therefore, the appropriate prefix for a descriptor of the curved, but not cylindrical, surfaces is "hydro-"

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